

SHARING TEST CAPABILITIES

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Rationale

- **Test Quality**
- **Time Savings**
- **Cost (Execution and Investment)**
- **Aggregate Efficiency**
- **“Safety Net”**

MEANS

- **Bi-Lateral and Multilateral Agreements (such as DEAs and Quadripartite Agreements)**
- **NATO Standard Procedures (STANAGS)**
- **International Test Operating Procedures (ITOPS)**
- **Other**

PROCESS

WARNING!!

The process may be more difficult than the methodology, planning, execution and reporting. DO NOT try this at home.

Section 2681, Title 10, U.S.C.

Select Provisions

- **“Contract Authority. The Secretary of Defense may enter into contracts with commercial entities that desire to conduct commercial test and evaluation activities at [MRTFB]”**
- **Commercial entity must reimburse direct costs. SECDEF may delegate determination of indirect cost to MDTER Commander**

DoDD 3200.11 (Jan 98)

- **Commercial Entity may use MRTFB as authorized by Congress and subsequent policy by USD (A&T)**
- **Commercial entity is defined as any U.S. commercial user or non-government sponsored university**

DoD 7000.14-R (Vol 11A)

- **“Foreign customer countries or foreign commercial users are not entitled to purchase services from MRTFB activities through other than Foreign Military Sales procedures authorized by the Arms Export Control Act.”**
- **Test Centers should advise foreign companies to submit request through Security Assistance channels.**

Partners

- **If there is a partnership between a foreign commercial entity and a U.S. commercial entity, Test Centers are to deal only with the U.S. entity.**
- **There must be a meaningful contribution by both partners (e.g., no simple “pass through”).**

RATES

- **If the customer is a foreign customer with no US sponsor and no US content: Request must pass through USASAC and rates determined under FMS agreement.**
- **If the customer is a foreign customer with no sponsor but with US content: Request passes through US partner and rates are Non-DoD (direct and indirect costs).**
- **If customer is foreign customer with DoD sponsor: request passes through DoD sponsor at DoD rates.**

- USADTC

SUMMARY

- **Sharing test capabilities should be beneficial to all.**
- **It can be done (easily and cost effective?).**
- **With emphasis on cooperation and efficiency, time is ripe to review restrictive policies and facilitate sharing of capability.**